

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	10629	<b>Agenda Number</b>	16.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	11/10/2011	<b>Department:</b>	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$15,312 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, Infectious Disease Intervention and Control Branch; and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) by appropriating \$15,312 for the Refugee Health Screening Program to provide refugee health screening.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$15,312 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Infectious Disease Intervention and Control Branch. The Grant period is October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note

A Fiscal note is attached.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
<b>For More Information:</b>	Philip Huang M.D., Medical Director, 972-5408; Wilmia Perez, Unit Manager, 972-6216; Charles Kemp, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of State Health Services has allocated federal funds to the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department for the provision of comprehensive health screening services to newly arriving official refugees since 1995. All services provided by the City's refugee health screening program are funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement.

Health and Human Services has received an additional \$15,312 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, bringing the total grant amount to \$1,172,406. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement is anticipating an increase in the number of official refugees who will resettle in the Austin service area during the current grant period ending on September 30, 2012. These additional grant funds will be used to cover expected vaccine purchase costs incurred by the Refugee Health Screening Clinic as a result of decreased availability of vaccines through the Adult Safety Net program of the DSHS Immunization program.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

#### PERFORMANCE:

##### Measures

Provide health assessments to a minimum of 90% of the refugees arriving or moving to the program service area.

Document and report a minimum of 75% of referral outcomes.

Initiate screening services within ninety (90) days of refugees' arrival in the United States.

Complete each Refugee Health Assessment Form for 100% of the referred refugees arriving or moving to the program service area, and return form to the Texas Department of State Health Services Refugee Health Screening Program within thirty (30) days of providing screening services.

Submit biannual reports to the Texas Department of State Health Services Refugee Health Screening Program.

##### Outputs/Outcomes

Percent of Refugee Health Screening Clinic clients screened for communicable diseases.